

Appl. No. 10/731,553  
Amdt. dated 09/11/2006  
Reply to Office action of 08/17/2006

## REMARKS

Examiner's ruling with respect to the restriction of claims has been duly noted. Claims 7 – 21 and 27 – 40 have, accordingly, been canceled. A divisional application will be filed at the appropriate time.

As requested by examiner, the word "means" no longer appears in the abstract.

We wish to thank Examiner for identifying these deficiencies in our application and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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